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## An Era Recalled

One of the results of last month's general election was the defeat of Congressman Harold Cooley, the dean of the North Carolina delegation.

Cooley's term in Congress coincided with a great era of programs that have immensely benefitted the people of this country. He first entered Congress in 1935, right at the beginning of what were to be the most important years for legislation that brought a helping hand to most of our citizens. As his campaign ads portrayed, Cooley had a hand in much of the significant legislation of our time. Social security, farm support programs, the rural electric and telephone programs—all of these came into being during the years Cooley was in Congress.

These programs could hardly be called giveaway programs. They are programs that are vital to the nation. And while they are aimed at helping the individual in our society, they do more than that. They help provide the foundation for the prosperity of our economy.

Admittedly, Cooley was often torn between a number of interests among his constituents. He didn't always please everybody, including this organization. He often earned our praises based upon his service to REA, and sometimes he earned our criticism. He always got it, either way, right up to Nov. 8.

In the summing up, we believe any farmer with lights in his house, an allotment of tobacco, or any worker who can look forward to a social security check when he retires, would have to be pretty ungrateful not to say "thanks" to Harold Cooley.

There's no reason why James Gardner, the victor, can't render his country service just as great, and by his own standards. Gardner has pledged he will remain close to the people, and he has expressed a feeling of care for individual freedom, which surely encompasses economic freedom as well as political. Bringing youth and enthusiasm to Congress, and with his heart in the right place, he has no barrier to greatness.

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COVER—This month's cover features a flower arrangement from the Raleigh Garden Club's Christmas Show which was done by Mrs. George S. Speidel Jr. She called her display "Christmas Inspiration" and it won a blue ribbon. This display, Mrs. Speidel says, was inspired by the magnificent gardens of "Linderhof," the castle of dreams of King Ludwig II, built 100 years ago in Bavaria, Germany. The exquisite Dresden angels in the arrangement were given to Mr. Speidel by a German family during World War II. Photo by Charles Holland.

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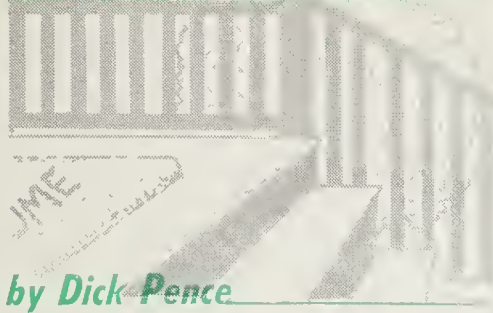
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## THE FRONT PORCH



by Dick Pence

I've come to the realization that you can't beat the system. At least not when it comes to grocery shopping.

Taking a cue from housewives across the nation, I announced to my wife that henceforth we would purchase our groceries only from stores that didn't give out race cards, "bonus money" or trading stamps.

We started our search for such an oasis one Friday afternoon. I say "we" because in return for forcing my wife to forego the convenience of shopping at our neighborhood supermarket—where you get as many gimmicks as groceries—I had to make a concession: I had to go along, thus departing from a long-standing personal rule never to venture into the maze of modern grocery shopping.

Needless to say, our venture was pretty much

a failure. We couldn't find a store with all of the items we wanted that didn't offer at least some sort of extra "game" to please whomever it is they please with such things. We finally compromised by going to a store with the fewest gimmicks and a reasonable selection of items.

Once inside, my wife was presented with an additional problem. For reasons known only to the inner circles of chain-store grocery selling, each store puts things in an entirely different spot than they are in the competitor's store.

After seven complete trips through each aisle, we finally found most of the things we wanted and made our way slowly out of one of the checking lines. Then we sneaked into our neighborhood store to pick up a couple of things we never could find at the other store.

The foray convinced me of a couple of things.

First, my rule never to go into a supermarket was a wise one, and one that should once again be implemented.

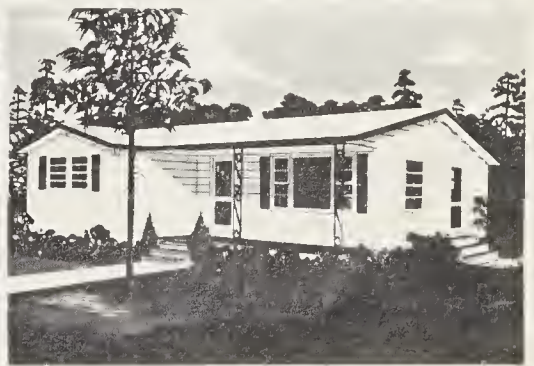
Second, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Henceforth, I'll spend Saturday nights, card in hand, "enjoying" the races on TV.

It seems like a ridiculous way to try to get your money's worth out of your grocery shopping, but apparently the only way you can get even is to win once in a while. And you can't win if you throw your "lucky" cards in the trash can.

If you've figured out a better way, please let me know. Beating a system like this one requires the advice of folks with a lot of battle experience.



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# TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural electric co-op members/by J.C. Brown Jr.

## **Elections affect Bank for Rural Electrics**

EXCEPT FOR acts of God, such as a hurricane, nothing has a more direct effect on your rural electric cooperative than elections. If you are to have power in the increasing amounts and voltages you require, your cooperative must have heavier facilities. Electric utility construction is expensive, and requires borrowed capital, the money in the cash register is not sufficient. The only place your co-op can borrow this money now is the federal Rural Electrification Administration. The only place it can get its funds is from the Congress, through appropriations.

In any general election, if the public elects a majority of senators and congressmen who are unsympathetic to REA and the needs of the rural people on electric cooperative lines, your EMC has suffered a disaster more severe than Hurricane Hazel. If it suffers two or three in a row, you can write it off. The power companies would then move in and pick up the more profitable areas, but many of you would have to dig up the figurative lantern you buried in the 1930's.

There will be many changes in the Congress and the General Assembly in 1967. Nationally, the cooperatives are facing another effort to try to establish a Bank for Rural Electrics which will be owned by them ultimately. The power companies are opposing the legislation necessary to create the bank. At the same time, they are trying to cut off your co-op's loan funds from congressional appropriations.

In the state legislature, the cooperatives face a battle with 73 towns which are in the electric business and seek the right to take over co-op properties and members when they are annexed. In 1965 the General Assembly adopted an act which prevents such a takeover.

## **Some bright spots, but many lost**

There are bright spots, but REA lost friends in the Congress and in the legislature. We don't know where their replacements stand on the issues of concern to rural electrification. They'll probably stand where they think the majority of voters want them. This brings the responsibility back to you.

In 1967, the directors and managers of your cooperative will inform you of the legislative issues, and ask you to express yourself to your congressmen and legislators. If you want to preserve for future generations the blessings made available to you by the work and faith of those earlier members of the cooperative, you can do something about it by writing the people you elected on Nov. 8.





A scene from last year's highly successful Farm Materials Handling Exposition.

## Automation: The Easy Way to Handle Materials

**T**he second giant display of farm automation will be held in Dorton Arena at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds on January 18 and 19, 1967.

More than 75 exhibitors have already contracted for display space at the show. As was the case at the first successful event early this year, the equipment shown will be limited to that used inside the farmyard gate.

Some 20,000 interested farmers and businessmen from throughout North Carolina visited the first show in Raleigh last January. The reaction of those attending was so overwhelmingly favorable, and interest in the equipment was so intense, the sponsors planned for the second event. This show, the largest of its kind ever held in eastern United States, is sponsored by all the electric power suppliers in the state and North Carolina State University.

Many of the exhibitors at the

forthcoming event will be showing their wares in the South for the first time, but most of the exhibitors are those who attended the 1966 show. Most of them who were here last year will be back with different equipment and bigger displays.

Whether your business is dairying, hog production, beef cattle production, broiler production or egg production, you owe it to yourself and to your business, whether large or small, to attend this show. Even if you're in none of these businesses and only have grain to move occasionally, you'll benefit from it.

Representatives with the various companies can show you where mechanization can reduce costly hand labor and increase the number of animals you can handle. They expect you to bring your questions and they are prepared to provide you with the answers.

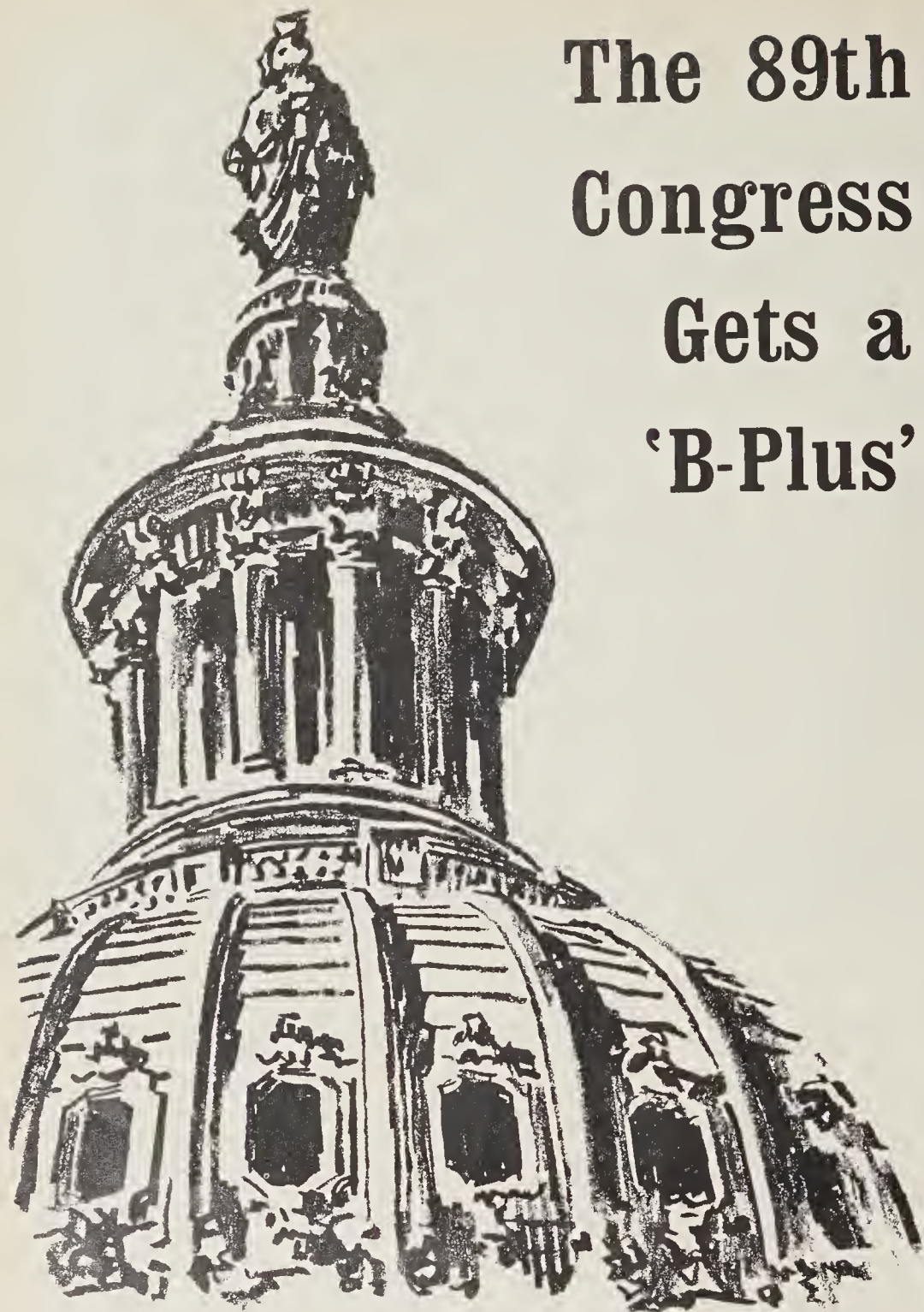
We anticipate a tremendous number of farmers to attend this show, but there's plenty of room. There's acres and acres of free parking and the exposition is, of course, free.

Several electric cooperatives and other groups are making plans to charter buses to and from Raleigh on one or both days of the exposition. So before you arrange for your own transportation, you might check with your electric cooperative to see if this is being done.

Mark the dates of the show on your calendar now. Your attendance during one of these days might very well be the most profitable and productive day you'll have in 1967.

And watch for next month's *Carolina Farmer*. It will contain a complete rundown of the 1967 Farm Materials Handling Exposition.





# The 89th Congress Gets a 'B-Plus'

**A legislative report on Congress and rural electrification by Kermit Overby, legislative director for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

**A**ll things considered, the 89th Congress must get a good rating as far as the rural electrification program is concerned. "B-plus" would be a good description.

Some people may question such a high grade, pointing to the fact that Congress did not enact the much-wanted legislation to provide supplemental financing for rural electric systems. Electric cooperative leaders were naturally disappointed that the bill died in committee, but progress was

made nevertheless.

The bill for a supplemental financing program is considered major legislation; its provisions are complicated. With any such legislation it takes time for a Congressman to fully understand what is involved, get reaction from his constituents, and then make up his mind how to vote. And on the financing bill, the process was prolonged by the all-out opposition of the private power industry.

But when the 89th Congress

ended in October, its members were far more aware of why co-ops need supplemental financing than they were when the bill was introduced last spring. So this is progress and I believe it will help immeasurably to speed action on the bill when the next Congress convenes in January.

On other legislation affairs, the 89th worked hard for programs vital to electric co-op members. Funds appropriated for REA loans, the wherewithal for low-cost rural electricity, were increased over Administration recommendations. The federal power program, another major factor in low electric rates, was strengthened. Advances were made in rural areas development efforts and in anti-poverty programs.

So for rural electrics, this Congress was one of mixed blessings. It did show convincingly, however, that there is a need for more determination, more unity and more effort on the part of all rural electric members if the legislative efforts of the program are to be reached.

Here is a brief rundown of the major issues affecting rural electrification which were considered in the last Congress.

## **Appropriations**

Rural electric cooperatives were again successful in convincing Congress to increase appropriations for electric loan funds over the amount recommended by the Administration. For fiscal 1967, \$375 million was appropriated, an increase of \$10 million of the appropriation for fiscal 1966. While the 1967 electric loan fund total represents an increase of \$155 million over the 1967 budget request, it is considerably below NRECA's estimate of capital needs of the rural electrics for the current year. Of the amount appropriated, \$30 million was placed in contingency reserve.

Again this year, the appropriations committees did not place additional restrictions on administration of the electric loan program. Instead, the Senate Appropriations Committee, at the urging of Senator Yarborough of Texas and other key members of the committee, included language clarifying procedures which had been recommended in its 1964 report for REA to follow in considering applications for genera-



tion and transmission loans. The Senate Committee made clear that the REA Administrator is not required to solicit offers from all area power companies in the case of subsequent loans to existing generation cooperatives.

### Supplemental Financing

The drive rural electrics mounted to get supplemental financing legislation ran head on into the overwhelming opposition unlash-ed by the power companies. Despite the stalemate, however, the work had its good results—results of an educational nature which should make for better progress in the new 90th Congress.

Supplemental financing first hit Congress in March when Rep. W. R. Poage of Texas introduced his bill. Companion bills were subsequently introduced by Reps. Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, Gale Schisler of Illinois and William Anderson of Tennessee.

The Administration's supplemental financing proposal, sent to Congress in mid-April, was sponsored by Rep. Harold Cooley of North Carolina. Rep. Ralph Harvey, Indiana, also introduced a pair of bills to provide supplemental financing of rural electric cooperatives within the Farm Credit Administration framework.

In the Senate, Senators John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and Ross Bass of Tennessee were joined by 26 other Senators in co-sponsoring REA supplemental financing legislation.

The House Agriculture Committee began public hearings on the pending bills May 31. After nine days of open hearings held at various intervals through July 13, the bills, along with a committee print of Rep. Cooley's bill incorporating amendments suggested by committee members and public witnesses, were referred to Rep. Poage's Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit.

The subcommittee continued consideration of the legislation in executive session. Additional committee prints of the pending bills, incorporating further amendments offered by both proponents and opponents, were considered. Prior to the adjournment of Congress, a new committee print, based on the original Poage and Cooley bills and incorporating modifications of previously offered amendments, was made available

in order to give the full Committee and the public an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the legislation during the two months before the new Congress convenes in January, 1967.

The Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Credit and Rural Electrification held five days of preliminary hearings in mid-August on bills co-sponsored by Senators Cooper, Bass and others. No further action was taken.

### Federal Power Commission

During the first session of the 89th Congress, the Senate passed a bill to make clear that electric cooperatives are not subject to Federal Power Commission jurisdiction. This legislation was then sent to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and remained there throughout the entire second session.

In the House Committee the bill was severely mutilated by the addition of a power company amendment. Whatever the purpose of this amendment, it succeeded in keeping the rural electric legislation bottled up until the end since no one was particularly happy with the resultant bill.

With Congress now adjourned, the main hope for resolution of the issue is that the Federal Power Commission will dismiss its pending proceeding aimed at asserting jurisdiction over REA-financed systems. There, of course, is no assurance this will happen, though the FPC had let it be known it had delayed action as long as legislation was pending.

### Resources Development

The federal power program was implemented with the passage of the 1966 Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Act that includes authorization of the 310,000 kilowatt Trotters Shoals project in South Carolina and Georgia. The \$4.13 billion Public Works Appropriation bill contains \$1.1 million for continuation of planning of the 794,000 kilowatt Dickey-Lincoln School project which is the first major federal power project in the northeastern section of the country. Funds are also included for initiating construction of the 60,000 kilowatt Snettisham project in Alaska, and \$450,000 was appropriated to begin the 345 kilovolt line from Fort Thompson, S. C., to Grand Island, Neb.

## PASSING SCENE

DIED—David S. Weaver, North Carolina agricultural leader and pioneer in rural electrification, Nov. 12, at age 70. Served on special committee on rural electrification in early 1930's and conducted survey on rural electrification; served as principal engineer with the Federal REA in 1935-36; secretary to the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority for over 30 years; on the faculty of N.C. State for 40 years, serving as director of the Ag Extension Service for 14.

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DIED—C.W. Sheffield, marketing specialist with the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture, Nov. 11, at age 67. Worked with agriculture and farm co-ops for more than 40 years; for the last 17 in charge of co-ops and farm organization for the Dept. of Agriculture.

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DIED—J. J. Hart, long-time office manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest, of a heart attack, Nov. 1.

## MAIL BOX

### DISPUTE

Will you be so kind as to help settle a dispute. My husband and I would like the identity of the two youngsters on your cover of *The Carolina Farmer* for July, 1966.

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We have always been fighting fans for REA and will continue so.

Enjoy *The Carolina Farmer*, and we thank you. Mrs. R. C. McLean  
Eagle Springs

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*The photo on our July cover (two boys eating blackberries) was taken by Luther Partin of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The lads in the picture are his sons. Hope that helps settle the dispute.*



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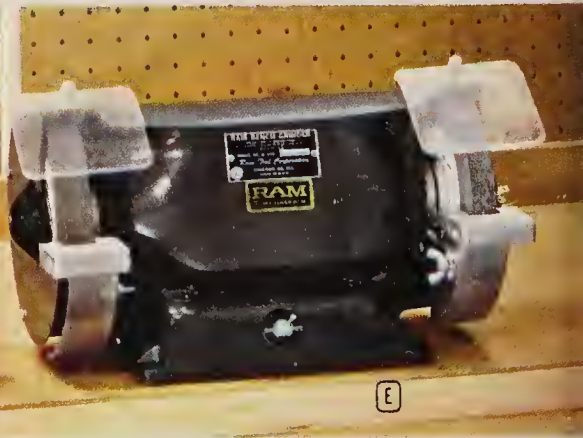
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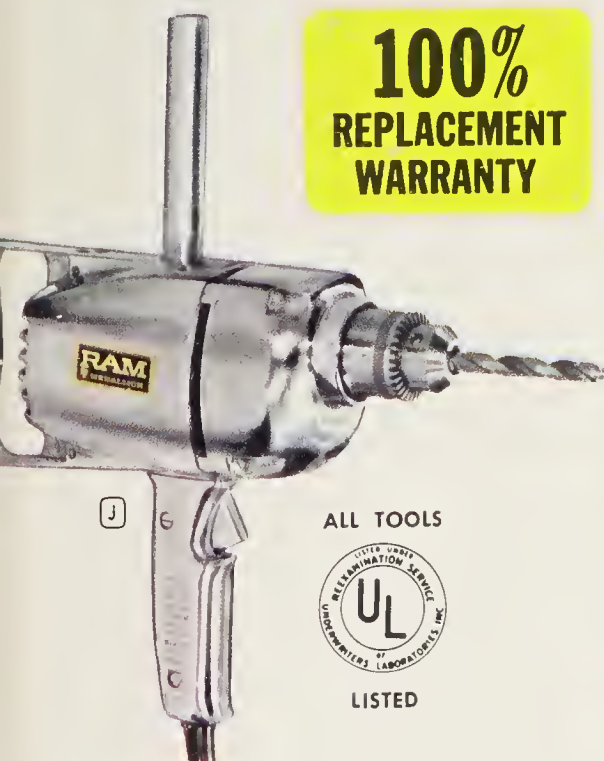
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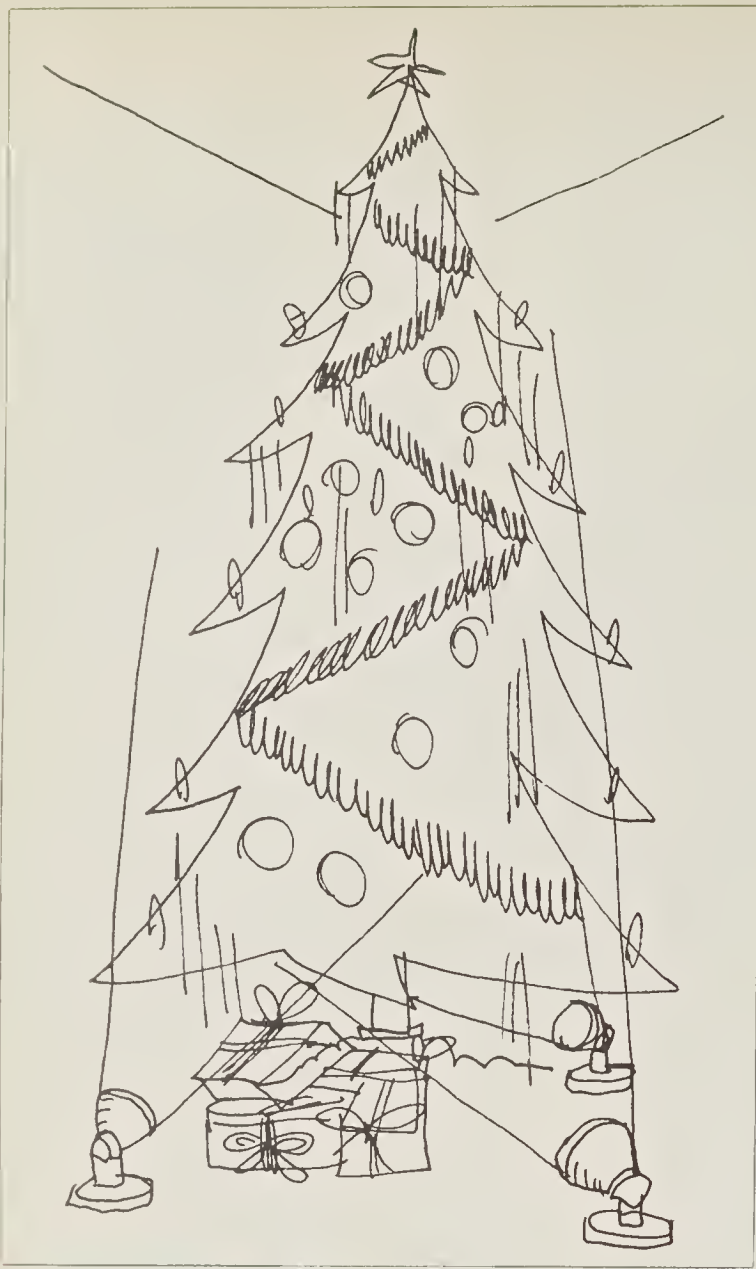
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### The Trees

*The Carolina Homemaker*  
Edited By Rebekah Rivers

Any Christmas tree is prettier and safer if it is properly lighted. Lights randomly placed can produce a gay informal pattern. However, if the tree is not well shaped, or if you want to create a formal mood to match other decorations,

arrange the lights vertically so that each string is clipped or taped at the top of the tree and runs straight down to the bottom. A less formal arrangement is to arrange the lights in a diagonal spiral around the tree, or to be even more informal, arrange them in a wavy pattern.

Outside and inside, the same rule applies in



Placing the tree lights . . . in a vertical arrangement  
... in a spiral arrangement

Excerpts from

# GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The advent of rural electrification brought the simple magic of a single, bare bulb to our countryside. Some twenty years later, acres of Christmas lights across the hills and dales of rural America shine as proof of the fantastic changes undergone by that once magical bulb which hung from the center of the ceiling in farm-house rooms. As a Christmas gift to its members, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has prepared "A Guide to Christmas Lighting Ideas." Excerpts below are from this publication.

selecting the number of lights. Multiply the height and width of the tree. Multiply that figure by 3. That will give you the maximum number of lights to use. One half that number is a minimum to use.

When you put the lights on the tree, start at the top and work down. Place the lights nearest the trunk first and work outside to the tips of the boughs. After all the lights are in place, hang the other decorations. Lights and a tree top ornament are usually the only decorations on an outside tree. Be sure that strings and bulbs placed on outdoor trees are the type made to withstand rain and snow.

You might like to decorate the lights by backing them with reflectors of pleated foil. Cut circles of aluminum foil with small openings for the sockets. Crush or pleat the reflectors and decorate with self-sticking tape. You might also decorate the black Christmas tree light sockets by binding them with light colored electrical tape. Wrap the tape wrong side out and sprinkle the sticky side with glitter.

Place floodlights at the base of the tree to produce decorative shadows and add sparkle to the ornaments on the tree. Colored floodlights can be used for dramatic effects.



## Outdoors

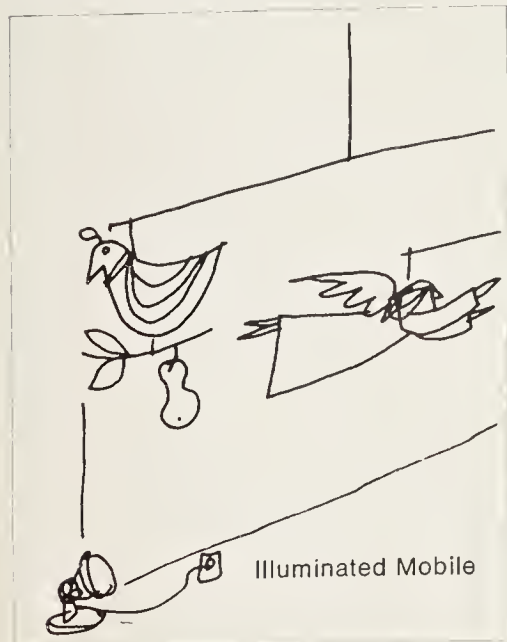
. . Giant stockings can be made from red oilcloth and hung from the porch or the eaves, or on the chimney. Large tin cans can be stacked up and decorated to look like soldiers, angels or candles for the lawn.

. . Two large boxes hinged together, make a book. Decorated inside, it becomes a Christmas book or a Christmas card. Strings of lights may be attached to the figures if fireproof materials are used. Spotlights will draw attention to the figures and show up the details.

## Indoors

. . Floodlights and spotlights add sparkle and drama to a holiday display indoors as well as out. Inside, use PAR and reflector lamps R-30 (75 w), R-40 (150 w) and PAR 38 (100 w). They are available in a number of colors. They can be used in portable holders, in a pole lamp or in an adapted heat lamp. Try placing some at the bottom of the tree.

. . Floodlights on hanging ornaments create delightful patterns of shadows on the walls and ceiling. Hanging ornaments can be made in many ways. Figures such as snowflakes and angels can be cut from metallic paper and hung on a mobile. Wire can be bent into interesting shapes with balls and beads slipped into the wire in the loops for extra trim. Wire coat hangers or an old lampshade frame hung upside down can be painted gold, and trimmed to make a chandelier-type hanging decoration.

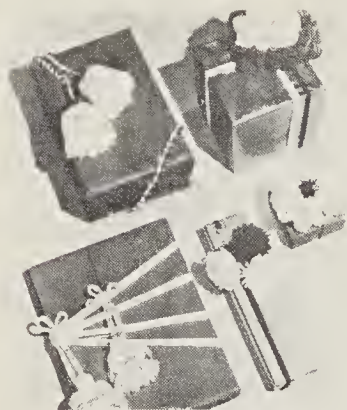


## What Shall We Give The Children?

In the long twilight of the year, the faces of the children grow luminous.  
 Rosy with cold, arabesqued  
 with snowflakes, leaning into the wind, or drowsing  
 before the fire, their eyes large, they  
 look and listen, as if they glimpsed the peripheries of miracle  
 or heard a soundless music in the air. From the innocent  
 kingdom of implicit belief to that uncomfortable  
 arena where the implacable mind battles the  
 intractable heart, the  
 faces of children at Christmas are lighted  
 with visions of things to come.  
 What shall we give the children?  
 It seems certain that they will travel roads  
 we never thought of, navigate strange seas, cross  
 unimagined boundaries, and glimpse horizons beyond our  
 power to visualize. What can we give them to take  
 along? For the wild shores of Beyond, no toy or  
 bauble will do. It must be something more, constructed  
 of stouter fabric discovered among the  
 cluttered aisles and tinselled bargain counters of experience,  
 winnowed from what little we have  
 learned. It must be devised out of responsibility  
 and profound caring—a homemade  
 present of selfless love. Everything changes but the  
 landscape of the heart.  
 What shall we give the children?  
 Attention, for one day it will be too late.  
 A sense of value, the inalienable place of the individual  
 in the scheme of things, with all  
 that accrues to the individual—self-reliance,  
 courage, conviction, self-respect, and respect for others.  
 A sense of humor. Laughter leavens life.  
 The meaning of discipline. If we falter at discipline,  
 life will do it for us.  
 The will to work. Satisfying work is the lasting joy.  
 The talent for sharing, for it is not so much  
 what we give as what we share.  
 The love of justice. Justice is the bulwark against violence  
 and oppression and the repository  
 of human dignity.  
 The passion for truth, founded on precept and example.  
 Truth is the beginning of every good thing.  
 The power of faith, engendered in mutual trust. Life without  
 faith is a dismal dead-end street.  
 The beacon of hope, which lights all darkness.  
 The knowledge of being loved beyond demand or  
 reciprocity, praise or blame, for those so  
 loved are never lost.  
 What shall we give the children?  
 The open sky, the brown earth, the leafy tree, the golden  
 sand, the blue water, the stars in their courses,  
 and the awareness of these. Birdsong, butterflies, clouds, and  
 rainbows. Sunlight, moonlight, firelight.  
 A large hand reaching down for a small hand, impromptu  
 praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer.  
 The glisten of enthusiasm and a sense of wonder. Long days  
 to be merry in and nights without fear.  
 The memory of a good home.



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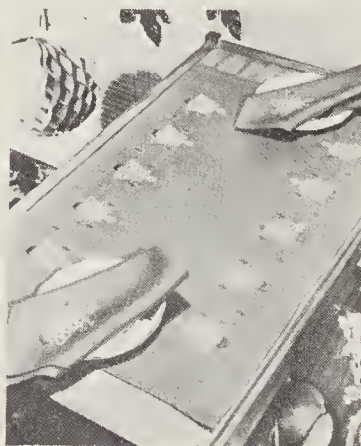
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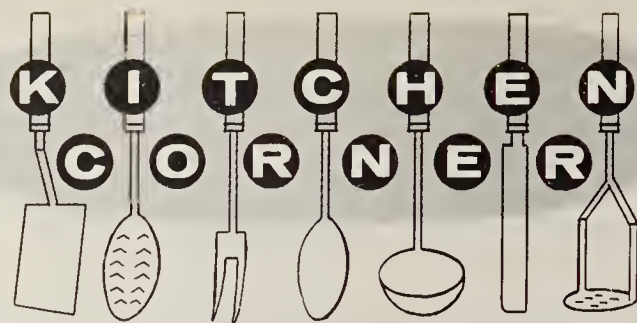
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## A Holiday Goodie

Back in September, a Halifax EMC member sent us a recipe which we tucked away for the Yuletide season. It sounds like a delicious addition to your traditional store of holiday yummys.

The recipe was sent by Miss Claudean Cooper, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cooper, who live on Route 3, Enfield. She writes that she treated her family to Fig Puffs last Christmas.

For sharing her special recipe with rural electric homemakers throughout the state, we will send Claudean \$2.00. Perhaps you have a recipe you'd like to share through this column. If you do, send it to Rebekah Rivers, Kitchen Corner, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh. Tell us something about yourself and family and give us the name of your electric membership cooperation.

### CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Miss Claudean Cooper,  
Route 3, Enfield, N. C.

### Fig Puffs

1½ cup flour

3 level tablespoons  
shortening

½ level teaspoon salt

1 egg

3 level teaspoons baking  
powder

1¼ cup milk

¾ cup chopped figs

Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together, mix with shortening. Add figs, mixing them well into the flour mixture. Mix to a stiff batter the egg and milk. Add to dry mixture. Bake in small greased pans in moderately hot oven. Serve hot with a hard sauce.



"The poor have little  
beggars none;  
the rich too much --  
enough not one."

\* \* \* \*

#### A HOLIDAY THOUGHT:

"I planned an ultra-modern home but a Vietnamese whispered, 'I have no home at all.'" "I dreamed of a country place but an exiled Cuban lad kept saying, 'I have no country.'" "I wanted to buy a new cupboard but China's child cried: 'I have no cup.'" "I bought a second new car for the pleasure of my family but an orphan wept: 'I have no family.'" "I complained about over-time work while an Appalachian father cried: 'I have no work.'" "I planned a stained-glass window behind our church altar, but a Mexican reverend murmured: 'My church has no walls.'" "

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#### A HOLIDAY TOAST TO YOU:

"Good health to you, good work, good fortune, good character, good children. Drink the brimming cup of life to the full and to the end; and thank God and nature for its bracing trials and challenges, its educative punishments and rewards, its priceless gifts and inexhaustible treasure of beauty, wisdom, labor and love."

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*Carol:* A song inspired by joy.

*Wreath:* Tells of love of God as the wreath has no beginning, no ending, so the love of God goes on endlessly.

*Holly:* Crown of thorns. The berries are symbolic of the drops of blood.

*Tree:* Evergreens denote love of God that is ever fresh and vital.

*Candles:* Candles tell of Christ, light of the world. As a candle burns, it gives light, and, at the same time, it gives of itself.

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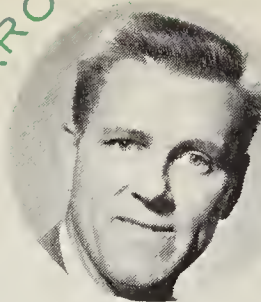
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## AROUND THE HOUSE by Archie Hathcock



A safe holiday can be a joyous holiday. But you will need to take precautions to prevent accidents from fires, burns, cuts, poisons and falls.

Miss Thelma Hinson, Extension home management specialist at N. C. State University, says you should be especially careful when

## Have a Safe Christmas

decorating, cooking, housecleaning, and toy purchasing.

Since the Christmas tree is the major attraction in the home during the holiday season, observe these rules:

-- Use flame-resistant icicles and tinsel.  
-- Keep base of tree in water or wet sand.

-- Use no candles on or near the tree.

-- Place the tree away from the fireplace or other location where it is exposed to sparks or strong heat.

-- Keep a waste basket handy for disposal of gift wrappings.

-- Don't attach too many light strings to one outlet.

Don't let fire turn your holiday into tragedy. Check all wires and connections for home decorations to see that they are in good condition. Use only lights and cords that have the Underwriters Laboratory Approval. Do not run extension cords under rugs, over nails, or around pipes or radiators. And remember to disconnect all electrical appliances from the outlet before disconnecting the cord from the appliance.

Check your home for safety hazards before the company comes for Christmas. Avoid highly waxed floors. Clean linoleum floors at once if grease or water is spilled. Tack down small rugs or apply a non-skid base.

Santa Claus keeps his toys in a bag and children should follow his good example by having a safe place to put their toys when they are not using them. Toys placed on stairways or other walkways can be the cause of serious falls.

Miss Hinson says you should plan time for the things you need to do. Take a break when you become tired. Remember to "think" safety in everything you do and have a safe and happy holiday season.

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## STANDARD TIME

Two little girls were playing one afternoon in the park.

"I wonder what time it is," said one of them.

"Well, it can't be 4 o'clock," replied the other, "Because my mother told me to be home by 4—and I'm not."

## LEARNING

Two small boys were playing together when a very pretty little girl walked by. One of the boys said fervently to his pal, "Boy, when I stop hating girls, she's the one I'll stop hating first!"

## GREEN

"Look at the lovely ring John has given me. It fits beautifully."

"Yes, it's very nice, dear. It was a bit tight on me."

## AS YOU SOW . . .

"Why are you sad?" a friend asked a man whose aunt just died. "You never cared for the poor old lady."

"I didn't," admitted the sad man, "but I was the one who kept her in a lunatic asylum during the last five years of her life. She has left me all her money and now I've got to prove that she was of sound mind!"

## FLY NOW, PAY LATER

Young man: "How much do I pay for a marriage license?"

Clerk: "Five dollars down and your salary every week for the rest of your life."



"We won't tell you what you're gonno get for Christmos, but it looks like a big white box and it runs on 'lectricity—and you won't need your clothesline any-more!"

# HALE!

## BUDDIES

An elderly Catholic Sister was having difficulty making her way across a busy intersection when a young boy came to her assistance. After they had safely crossed, the Sister thanked him and he replied, "That's OK, any friend of Batman is a friend of mine."

## ONE GOOD TURN

"Did you see the pleased expression on Mrs. Jones' face when I told her she looked no older than her daughter?"

"No, I was looking at the expression on her daughter's face."

## WRONG LESSON

Little Jackie went forth one bright spring morning with a bag full of marbles and a light step. Shortly after, he returned home with a slow step and no marbles.

"I lost 'em playing keeps!" he wailed.

"Now, son," his father consoled, "you must learn to lose."

"I know how to lose," sobbed the youngster. "I want to learn how to win!"

## JUST IN CASE

One Saturday morning a small boy entered the local bank and with an important air walked up to the cashier's cage and asked to have two cents withdrawn from his savings account. The cashier smiled and complied with the boy's request. Early Monday morning the same small boy appeared in the bank and put the two cents back into his account.

"So you didn't spend your two cents?" observed the cashier.

"Oh, no," replied the boy, "but a fellow just likes to have a little cash on hand over the weekend."

## ALAS

Sargeant: "North is in front of you, East is to your right, and West is to your left. What's behind you?"

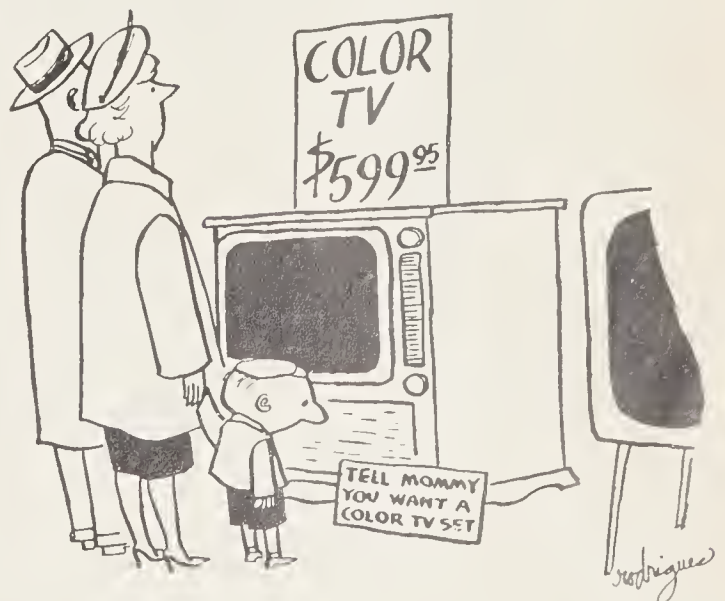
Recruit: "Civilian life."

## HOOKED

A three-year-old's explanation for being on top of a ladder with a mouth full of cookies was this: "I just climbed up to smell them and my tooth got caught."



"I'm boss in this house and I'll do my dishes my own way!"





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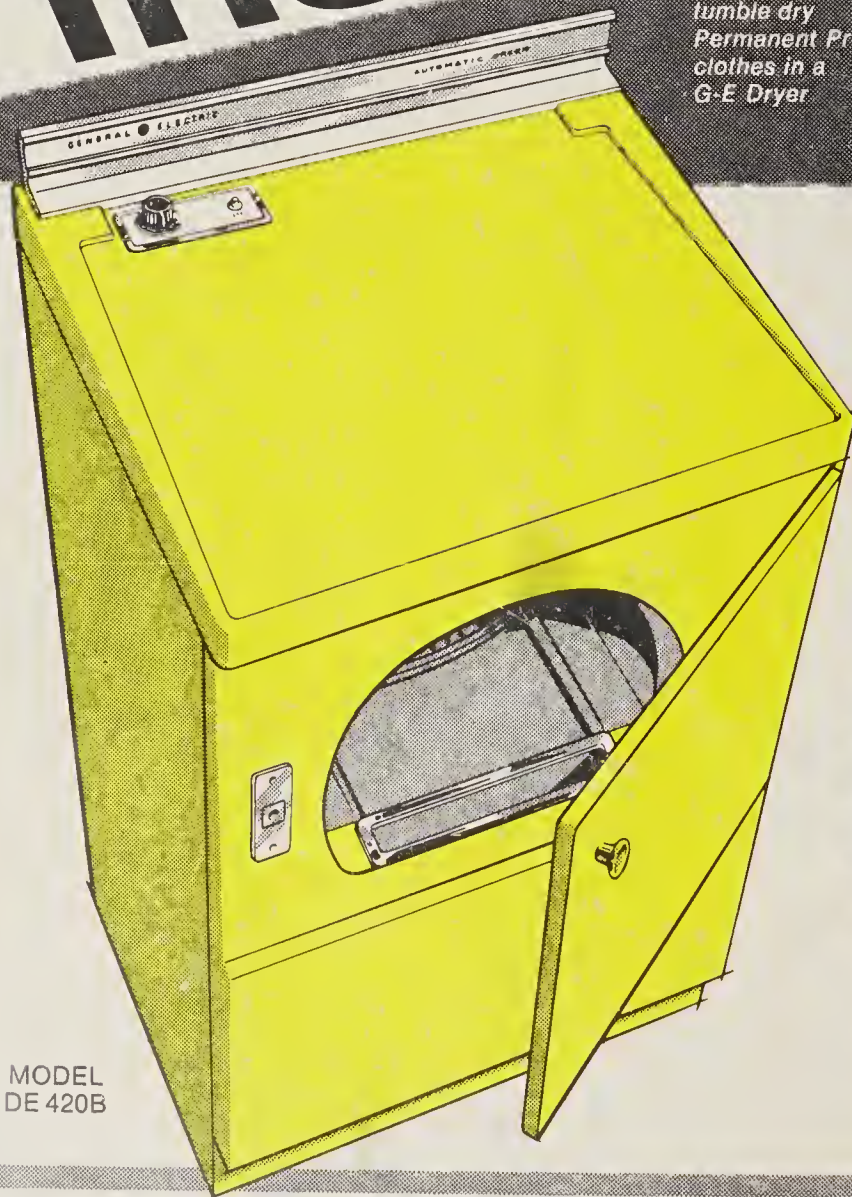


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